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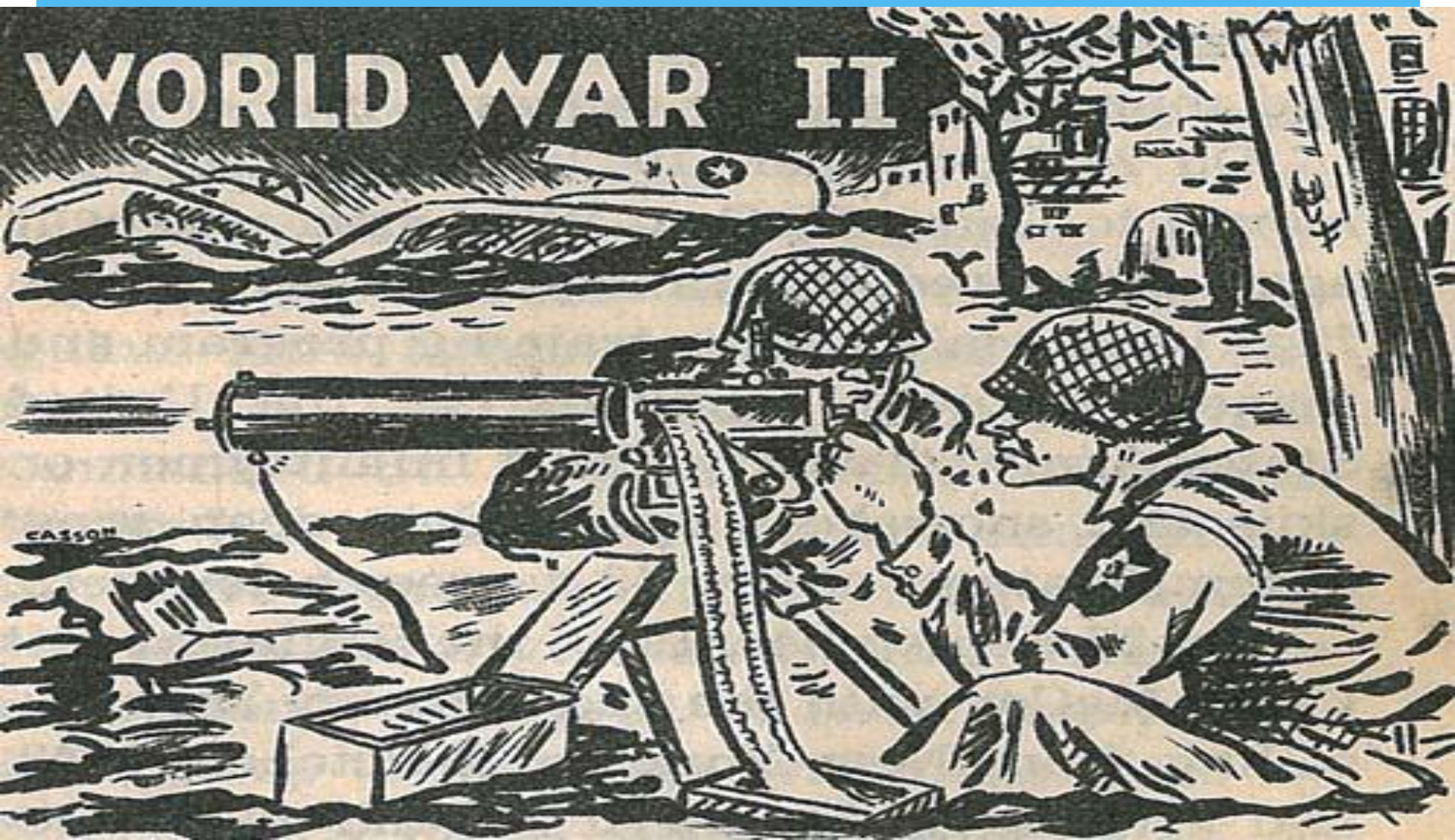
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'CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BABY BOOMER'

# Causes of the Baby Boom





# World War II

- \* In Canada between 1939 and 1945 population grew slowly
- \* “Total War” required the population to focus on defeating the Axis Powers (1 million Canadians went overseas)



# World War II

- \* Government propaganda and news reports made war a grim reality in which people put their future plans on hold



# World War II



\* Marriage rates were low

# World War II

- \* After the end of the War in 1945 Anthropologists studied the impacts on the returning soldiers on their communities and on Canada as a whole:
- \* They noted that :
- \* Many soldiers didn't wait long to resume their lives

# World War II

- \* About 1 in 5 Canadian serving overseas came home with a

European  
War  
Bride





# World War II

\* And in many cases with

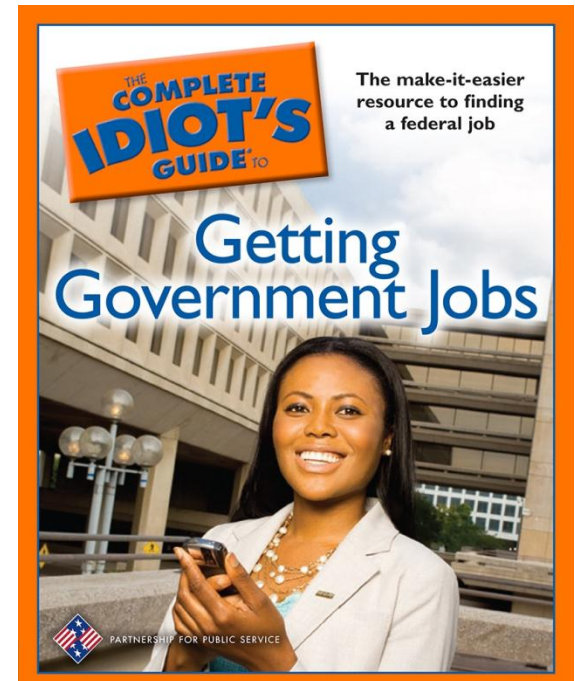
Children  
Born  
Abroad





# World War II

- \* Almost 50 000 women and their children followed servicemen back to Canada
- \* Often Canadian wives and girlfriends found that soldiers had been psychologically and socially marked by their wartime experiences
- \* War vets were given first priority for :



# World War II

- \* Laws were also passed to allow veterans to return to their pre-war jobs with military service counted toward their workplace seniority.

- \* Veterans also qualified for :

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AND



# World War II

- \* Loans to upgrade their education



# World War II

- \* Marriage rates after the war were almost double those of the pre-war era and were the highest in Canadian history



# World War II

- \* Sociologists and Psychologists have identified strong social forces that were at work in the post-war era
- \* Marriage was considered the norm
- \* Some psychologists and sociologists reinforced the notion that marriage and family offered the best route to respectability and contentment.



# World War II

- \* Sex outside marriage was socially condemned in this era
- \* Marriage was seen as a moral necessity
- \* Society routinely saw failure to marry as a conformation of ones homosexuality (Owram, 1996 p.15)
- \* The main personal goals of most young adults after World War II was:

# World War II

## Marriages



# World War II

## Family





# World War II

Home



# Immigration



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# Immigration

- \* Most of Canada's immigration was from war-torn Europe
- \* More than two million people came to start a new life in Canada between 1945-1960
- \* At that time Canadian immigration policy gave top priority to applicants from Britain and the Commonwealth
- \* Immigration policy was racist to Asians and Africans
- \* Most immigrants took work in the:



# Immigration





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